GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
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NON-PAYMENT OF SALARIES IN PUBLIC SECTOR UNDERTAKINGS
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether employees of different Public Sector Undertakings have not got their wages and other statutory dues for several months;

(b) if so, the reasons for spending Rs.425 crores on VRS;

(c) the time by which employees of Public Sector Undertakings would get their dues;

(d) whether Group of Ministers constituted three years ago to examine the non-payment of wages/statutory dues, has submitted its report; and

(e) if so, the response of the Government on the basis of the said report?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SUBODH MOHITE)

(a) to (e): As on 31.12.2002, there were 60 central PSUs having outstandingwages/salary and statutory dues amounting to Rs.1904.77 crores. During 2002-03 an amount of Rs. 425 crores was released for payment of compensation under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme/Voluntary Separation Scheme in order to rationalize the manpower in various PSUs operating under the administrative control of Department of Heavy Industry. A Group of Ministers constituted by the Government on the issue of liquidation of outstanding statutory dues of the employees of CPSUs is yet to submit its report.